

## British Empire Receding As Labor Trouble Grows

Offer of Practical Independence to Egypt, Efforts to Get Out of Turkish Troubles, Abrogation of Persian Treaty, Evidence of Critical Situation at Home; France Taking Leadership of Europe as British Become Less Vigorous.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—In world affairs at this moment the biggest single factor is the steady receding of the British empire, not only in the vigor of its international policies, but in the abandonment of ambitious expansion projects which it had undertaken under the peace arrangements at Paris. Faced with the threat of revolution from the labor elements at home and by harassing financial and economic difficulties, the government of London is retreating from its position of leadership in Europe and is turning its back on the world. In Africa, Asia and in Europe they are showing a strong inclination to draw back. They are limiting the scope of the French in the spring when they are out to center all their resources and to give up their adventures in the east because of the Red revolution on the continent of Europe. As British recedes, France is now reaching out again, into Turkey, into Russia, into central Europe and the Balkans, forming new combinations which are intended to center all their resources and to give up their adventures in the east because of the Red revolution on the continent of Europe. As British recedes, France is now reaching out again, into Turkey, into Russia, into central Europe and the Balkans, forming new combinations which are intended to center all their resources and to give up their adventures in the east because of the Red revolution on the continent of Egypt, Turkey, Persia, India, and elsewhere in the world.



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the emphasis laid on this position all during the war and in the peace negotiations. One of the first acts of British after the war was to proclaim the protectorate over Egypt, immediately after Turkey entered the war the British troops to seize the territory at the head of the Persian gulf and to start on the road to Baghdad, and soon afterwards other troops were sent to Gallipoli to capture the entrance to the Black sea.

Through the war men and munitions were diverted to Mesopotamia and Palestine, despite the opposition of the military commanders who pleaded that every resource should be thrown into France to defeat Germany. Chances were taken of disaster in the west to pursue the aims of the empire builders.

Immediately following the war these influences set out to get control of Persia and negotiated the secret treaty whereby they were to oversee the military and financial affairs of that country.

**New Cause of Recede.**  
It is known that this treaty almost caused a breach among the allies at the peace table, so hotly was it resented by American and French statesmen. Yet the British insisted on clinging to it and also on pushing their advantage further and taking away from Russia its Caucasian possessions and extending them into "buffer states" under British protection.

All these things fitted into the plan of the British empire to connect Persia with India by a land route to India being held and the Indian ocean dominated. It was a plan to build a British empire from the Cape to Cairo and a complete British empire was to connect Persia with India by a land route to India being held and the Indian ocean dominated.

The British minister at Washington makes known that the treaty with Persia, which gave the British practical protectorate over that country, has been "temporarily abrogated" under an elected assembly in that country can pass upon it.

**New France Is Reaching Out.**  
Away to the west, under French pressure, the British have agreed to give up the control of the port of Dairen, which they dominated by naming the representative of the league of nations. This outlet for Poland is to be handed over to the control of that country.

**France, breaking with the British policy of making peace with the Bolsheviks, has undertaken to form a new combination to overthrow the Russian dictatorship. Only one has recognized Gen. Wrangel's government in south Russia, but she is seeking to bring about which, her fleet controls, to reestablish the Ukrainian army. She has rejuvenated the Poles and is arranging to send them assistance from central Europe.**

**Kindred the patronage of France the "little empires" of Rumania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia has been set up. Through it aid can be given to the various forces that are fighting the Bolsheviks. Paris has also made a commercial treaty with Hungary which effects the British purchase of securities on the Danube by giving the French a strong voice in the handling of that country.**

**German foreign and interior ministers have been forced to make a formal apology to the French ambassador for attacks on the French and Polish consulates at Brussels and France has compelled the Berlin government also to give a pledge that it will punish those responsible for the disorder. German plots to seize the Silesian coal fields while the Bolsheviks were approaching Ukraine have been frustrated by the determined action of the French.**

**With the recession of the British "strong hand" in the near east, the Mohammedan movement is growing more menacing. In a recent issue in Balkh, at which all the elements of Islam were represented, it was decided that Christian consuls of Mohammedan powers should be fought. It was resolved to take the Caliphate from Constantinople, because of the surrender of the Sultan in signing the Turkish treaty, and to hasten it to the aid of Africa, Iran, and upon enemy of the British. This measure is very evidently designed to affect the "rotten" Mohammedan India, already practically in rebellion.**

**Great Plans of the British.**  
To comprehend just what it means for Britain to recede in Egypt, Turkey and Persia it is necessary to recall

## EL PASO HERALD General Peace Conference Is Desire Of British Premier

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why a new world agreement of some sort is necessary.

No general council could be held without including Russia, if its decisions were to impose a real settlement in Europe and Asia.

**Russias Out of Present.**  
For the present at least the Lloyd George scheme of including the Bolsheviks in the peace conference is dead. The victories of Gen. Weygand and the Polish armies have scotched that.

Last month when Lloyd George, against the opposition of the French, invited the Bolsheviks to London to discuss not only peace with Poland but general peace, I believe it was for a time his intention, if possible, to invite the Germans—and then, without anybody realizing it in advance, a world council would have been convened which might have superseded in importance the Paris gathering and attempted to throw over the Versailles agreement and frame a more comprehensive settlement.

The success of this scheme probably depended upon the United States would join; and while the British sounded us on the subject, I do not think matters went far enough for a definite reply to be received. Such a reply, judging from our present policy, would almost certainly have been a refusal to sit at the same table with the Bolsheviks.

At present Lloyd George, who of course does not like the Bolsheviks, and whose recent leanings towards them were based on the hope that they could not be overthrown from without, has veered around, as he has so often done before, because the military situation has changed.

There are as yet no indications as to what reaction the Bolsheviks will have to the new policy, but should Lenin's regime go under, the greatest obstacle in the path of Lloyd George's plan would have been removed.

**New Treaty Possible.**  
It is, I believe, certain that once the Bolsheviks are removed from Russia, or of a large part of Russia, Lloyd George would at once act to bring about a new world agreement which would include Russians and Germans and everybody else. At this conference the opposition of the French, who would stand alone, would not prevent the scrapping of the treaty of Versailles.

The Lloyd George policy is regarded in Paris as "pro-German." His own view is that Europe must be regarded as a whole, it is to recover from her wounds, and that a vast state in Germany's position can only mean trouble and ultimate ruin for her neighbors as well as for herself.

In America the league question is discussed precisely on the same lines as a year ago, and solely from a narrow selfish point of view.

**Indian Troops Untrustworthy.**  
Indian troops can hardly be trusted with the task and I learn that all the British troops who can be sent forward are being concentrated on the Afghan frontier to meet the attack which is expected from the army of Bolsheviks, Afghans and other Mohammedan forces who are formed under the direction of that arch agitator and no mean general, Ever Rasha. No more can happen to the disintegration of Moscow, this plan is already so well under way that it is likely to go through.

Thus we may well prepare to hear soon that the British are retiring from Baghdad to the Persian gulf, they do, they will at the same time surrender the gulf to Persia, and the Bolsheviks and Persian Nationalists can approach India from that direction by way of the railroad constructed by the British during the war. Then the empire builders in

Mesopotamia must be evacuated unless the British are prepared to pour into it more scores of millions and

row nationalist standpoint. Will the league council be able to commit us to fight when we don't want to? Are we handing ourselves over to a super-government?

There does not however appear to be in our campaign, any reference as yet to the issue of the league versus the supreme council, as it is just beginning to shape itself. The outcome of this struggle seems bound to be either the disappearance of the league, or its supersession over the group of three prime ministers, sometimes two, that today, when it can act as a group, rules Europe.

**When They Use the League.**  
When France, England and Italy fall out, choose results, but when they agree, they enforce their decisions. The poor league, set up to perform these functions, is invoked by the promoters when necessary for debating purposes, but in fact they ignore it or call it into consultation only when convenient. They even hamper it as by asking the penniless, powerless body to take over the Armenian massacres.

My informant believes that within a year after the United States joins the league, without reservations, the league will be the organ of international action and the supreme council will have become a dead dream.

"What effect," I asked, "would ratification in Washington have if it brought Republican reservations were named by the senate?"

"It does not matter what the reservations are," he answered. "We want America to act in the league, because she is disinterested. The acts, the vote of other members are suggested by their colleagues. With America in now, we could assert ourselves against the premier who arrogates the power to rule the world."

"Any reservations you choose to make, we will cordially accept. We are waiting, and we hope we won't have to wait more than six months more."

As things are shaping up now, not merely the representatives of smaller powers to the league, but some of the men from the great powers, are being invited to the league, and the league is being used to the league council.

**U. S. Can Make the League.**  
They believe that if we come in our prestige and disinterestedness will make the voice of the league carry even as against the combined voices of Lloyd George and Millerand, because they think the heart of the people of Europe is in the league and that they will follow when the league asserts itself.

"If we tried to assert ourselves against them now, the premier would crush us," said a representative of a small power. "If America is, they would not dare." There is no doubt much to be said for this attitude, our participation on these terms.—Copyright, 1935, by The McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

London will be faced with the question, Can we hold India itself? As to the situation in that land, it is only necessary to recall that the price of wheat has put off his much advertised visit until the autumn of 1935.

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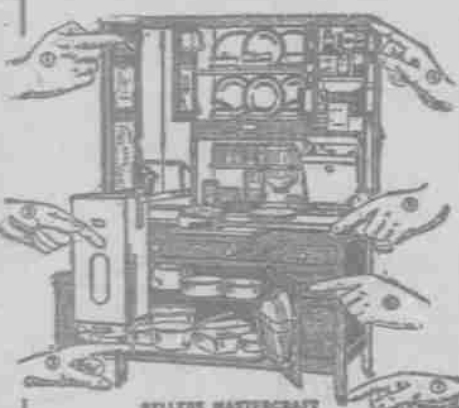
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